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[61 W 49th St., NYC], 1915-1928

TO THE SECRETARY OF

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE PROPOSE MY NAME AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF  
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. UPON NOTIFICATION OF  
MY ELECTION, I WILL SEND MY CHECK FOR THE DUES FOR THE  
CURRENT YEAR

YOURS TRULY

NAME

W. Gilman Thompson

ADDRESS

61 West 49. St. New York.

NOTE: THE ANNUAL DUES ARE FIVE DOLLARS, MEM-  
BERS ELECTED AFTER JULY 1ST ARE ONLY REQUIRED  
TO PAY HALF DUES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. THE  
SUM OF FIFTY (50) DOLLARS PAID AT ANY TIME UPON  
ELECTION CONSTITUTES A LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IS  
IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

Proposed - on behalf of  
Robert James Childs  
Gammie L. Childs

Elected March 19 1915  
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MARC EIDLITZ & SON  
30 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET  
NEW YORK CITY

March 11, 1915.

Bauman L. Belden, Esq.,  
156th St. West of Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am enclosing you  
herewith an application made out by Dr.  
W. Gilman Thompson, of 61 West 49th Street,  
and with his notification of election will  
be glad to have you send him any literature  
which refers to medals of an artistic type.

At your convenience I will be  
very glad to see you and talk over the mat-  
ter of the third member of the Committee on  
Foreign Medals.

Very truly yours,

*Robert James Eidlitz*

(RJE)S

Enclosure



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CONSULTATION HOURS 9-11

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1915

Mr. Bauman L. Belcher  
Secretary.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for  
the notification of my  
election as an Associate  
Member of the American  
Inmunistic Society  
and enclose my check  
for \$5.00 herewith in  
qualification. I do  
not at present desire  
to become a Life Member.

Very truly yours  
W. Gilman Thompson

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON

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January 10th. 1917.

My dear Mr. Field:-

I have two suggestions which I would like to offer to the American Numismatic Society Governors as an Associate member. These are (1st.) That the Society establish a special Section on the Medallic Art. (2nd.) That it use it's influence more definitely to aid members in obtaining examples of good art medals published particularly in this country.

As to (1), there are many persons in the City who are interested not especially in how many fly specks there are on an 1815 penny, or whether the Goddess of Liberty is cross-eyed, or has a pug nose, yet are sincerely appreciative of high class art medals.

I have brought two such members to the Society myself, during the past year, and I believe the Society membership could be augmented materially, if interesting art medal meetings could be assigned: Mr. Kunz, for example, could furnish a paper on Roty's life and work, and the members could bring their Roty medailles for comparison, and so on with many other artists.

My second suggestion is better understood if you will bear with a personal experience; I have a small collection of some 500 art medals and plaquettes, mostly foreign, but from all the countries producing them. Foreign dealers I've found uniformly anxious to sell, and foreign societies issuing medals often issue an "exemplar du collection" for the amateur. If I write to a French, Dutch, Italian or English, or, (formerly) an Austrian, Belgian or German dealer, he promptly sends his



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list with full description of his stock, and expresses a desire to be of service.- In this country, if I ask a manufacturer for art medals of his make, he replies that he is not permitted by the person or society which gave him the contract to sell any.- One dealer (in a state not many miles from New York,) writes me "I assume that you desire these medals for your collection, - however, if you will write me fully just what you want them for, I will see if it be possible for me to have them made up." (!) I have lately sent to four Canadian dealers and they are almost as difficult, although not impertinent; they refer me to "the people who ordered them from us originally", and then do not give their names or addresses.- I have tried a number of American Societies presumably designed to promote the extension of art, The Chicago Society of Fine Arts, for example, after much correspondence and a special meeting, informs me that I can obtain one of their medals, -- at a cost which ought to endow its designer for several years! The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts curtly replies, "We have no medals obtainable by amateur collectors." I urge the Committee on 'Art of the Century Association' to have a special exhibition of the medallic art; they say they would be charmed if I will get it up and pay for it!- The Metropolitan Museum Director when I point out that some of the medals are wrongly labelled, and poorly cared for, admits it, and excuses the Museum on the ground of some sort of agreement with the Numismatic Society Museum not to duplicate collections.- I write these details because I believe the American Numismatic Society might do much to aid the struggling amateur,

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by encouraging other Art Societies to make their medals obtainable, when of special merit, by those who would really appreciate them; it would help to raise the standards of an art in which this country is thus far, considerably behind the best foreign work; it would help the artist, help the dealer, and bring joy to the heart of many a collector, especially, Yours very sincerely,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

Perhaps if our Secretary were authorized to use the name of the Society, *it* might induce the various art societies issuing annual or other art medals to strike a number of duplicates to be purchasable by members of the Numismatic Society, & the art societies might be more influenced than they at present are by individual appeals. At all events it might open their eyes to an opportunity to aid the development of the metallic art in this country, which is so sorely needed.



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January 15th. 1917.

My dear Mr. Field:-

I thank you for your note of approval of my Numismatic suggestions.- I am sorry that the itises are after you, they are a mean lot;- to convalesce I would recommend going to the Botanical Garden Palm House, sitting on a cactus and sniffing a few orange blossoms, -with your eyes shut, you wont know it from the sunny south.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. W. B. Osgood-Field

645 5th. Ave

New York.

*As a further suggestion, the Numismatic Society might institute an exchange or clearing house for numismatists, so that members who have duplicates could "swap" - I refer to*

my suggestions to Mr.  
Kurtz, who cordially  
approves the idea of  
a special Sectional  
meeting on Metals

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February 7th. 1917.

American Journal of Numismatics

It would be a great convenience for your readers, if in articles in the Journal describing medals the writers would always state where and how they may be obtained. I have lately been obliged to write all over Canada to get information regarding such medals, pictures of which were given in the Journal of 1915. In the last number of the Numismatist one or two addresses are given but a number are not. Your Journal might well also institute an exchange column, so that members of our Society can exchange duplicate art medals. I am pleased to note however, that the Journal is giving more attention to the medallic art, and less to such burning questions as to whether the Indian on a penny is cross-eyed, or, how many fly specks there are on an 1833 ha'penny!

Very truly yours,

W. Gilman Thompson, M.D.



March 20th, 1917.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Sir:-

Following the suggestion of Mr. Robert James Tidlitz, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Medals, I take great pleasure in appointing you a member of this committee. The numismatic activities upon which the Society is about to enter are increasing, and I am sure the work, which your committee can do during the coming year will be of the greatest importance to the Society and of interest to you.

A joint meeting of all the committees is hereby called for three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, which meeting it is to be greatly hoped that you will be at leisure to attend. Please make a special effort to come.

Very truly yours,

President.

Stockbridge, Mass.

June 10th. 1917.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President Amer. Numismatic Soc.

My dear Mr. Newell

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee for the Collection of War Medals of which I assume Mr. Compagette is Chairman. As I am a member of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Defense, I will endeavor to see him ~~from~~ when next I go to Washington and I shall hope to see you in town also before long. The idea is a very important one and it ought to be possible to make a very valuable collection. Before appealing for funds, however, it will be desirable to determine where the collection is to be kept, and this is not clear to my mind from your note. We can easily get the Hotel des Monnaies medailles at once, as I have found no difficulty in obtaining them at intervals throughout the war and we also could get the British medals from Spink & Son without delay, but Schulman, I understand is not allowed to export German medals at present. I suppose Johnson of Milan could save Italian medals for us and we might get some Consul to collect them in Russia.

I apologize for this delay in replying to your note, but I have been seeking a few days holiday at my country home. I shall hope to see you soon and get you to make the promised visit to my collection.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edw. T. Newell*

July 9th, 1917.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I have the honor to inform you that you were elected a regular member of The American Numismatic Society on July 6th, 1917. I trust to receive your acceptance of this election at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



October 29th, 1917.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I have the honor to inform you that, at a meeting of The American Numismatic Society, on October 25th, you were elected a member of that Council.

As you probably know, meetings of the Council are held at the call of the President, chiefly during the winter months, about once every six weeks. Notices of the meetings are mailed.

I trust you will be able to meet this appointment - will you not let me have your word of acceptance ?

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

W. GILMAN THOMPSON, M. D.

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Wednesday November 7th. 1917

Sydney P. Noe Secretary.  
The American Numismatic Society  
New York

Dear Mr. Noe;

I received your notification of my election as member of the Council of the Numismatic Society, and am very happy to accept the honor conferred.

Very truly yours

W. Gilman Thompson

Friday February 15th.  
1918.

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Mr. Edward T. Newell, President.

Numismatic Society.

Dear Mr. Newell;

*of myself* I am complimented by your appointment as a member of the Committees on Foreign Medals, and War Materials; and am happy to accept the position. I must beg however, that you appoint some one else as Chairman of the War Materials Committee. I am already serving on a number of committees connected with active war work, the Academy of Medicine, Botanical Garden, etc. A chairmanship involves activity and responsibility, for which at present I should not be able to fill; although I am glad to aid by serving on the Committee.

Very sincerely yours

*W. Gilman Thompson*



March 29th, 1918.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

Thank you for your letter of the 27th and for the suggestion you make there. We are working on it.

In this campaign for membership a great deal depends upon systematizing the work. We have been securing great help from one or two institutions who have placed their experience at our disposal. We are taking lists of the various societies throughout the city and checking them, one against the other. People whose names appear on two or three or even more institutions, having aims such as our own, are those to whom we may write with some reasonable assurance that our approach will be received with consideration.

Our experience has already shown us that Doctors are probably as much interested in numismatics as any other single profession. I am wondering if there is a Physicians' Society or whether you will be able to secure some means whereby we can secure a list of the Physicians in New York City. By checking this against such lists as that of the Metropolitan Museum, the New York Historical Society and other lists of that nature, we shall be able to secure the names of a number of Doctors who may have been waiting for an invitation to join our Society;

Thank you very much for having taken charge of forwarding the application for membership cards. I presume they will be returned to you, and by you presented at the next meeting of the Council. If this is incorrect please so inform me.

Very respectfully yours,

Secret...

June 13th, 1918.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I was sorry not to have been here when you came to-day. At the last meeting of the Council the removal of certain German and Austrian plaques was ordered, and in consequence a re-arrangement of one or two of our sectional cases has become necessary. Mr. Wood and I have been wondering whether you would be willing to loan for a period of several months your splendid series of plaques by David d'Angers. These would be associated with the eight examples of his work owned by the Society, and would make, we feel, a very interesting section. I am too sensible however of the pleasure you take in your medals not to appreciate that you may not care to be parted from them even for a season, and we shall understand perfectly if for any reason you feel you do not care to accede to our request.

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

September 20th, 1918.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I enclose a copy of a letter regarding our exhibition of military insignia which is self-explanatory. Owing to the difficulty of securing a quorum for a meeting of the Council at the present time, I would respectfully ask that you let me have your decision in writing as soon as is possible.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



December 11th, 1918.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I am returning herewith the plaques by David d'Angers, which you so kindly loaned to the Society, and which were such a help to us at a time when we needed to fill one of the upright cases. We expect to withdraw the insignia exhibition very shortly, and readjust the exhibition room.

As you were not at the last Council meeting you may be interested to know that we are planning for a medal to celebrate the signing of the peace treaty. This, of course, will not be issued until the peace is signed but we are endeavoring to have it ready for then.

Please accept the thanks of Mr. Wood, myself, and of the Society, for your kindness in letting us have these medals of yours.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON

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December 12th, 1918.

Sydney P. Noe, Esq.,  
Secy., American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I received the David d'Angers medals in good order. I am extremely glad to have been of any service to the Society in loaning them and should be glad to loan them again at any time in the future should occasion arise.

I think the idea of a medal celebrating the signing of peace is an admirable one.

I regret that I have been absent recently from several of the Council meetings and assure you that this is from no lack of interest, but owing to the influenza and war conditions, this season has been an extremely trying one for physicians, and we are constantly confronted with the difficulty of being in more than one place simultaneously. I hope in future to mend my ways as regards the Council meetings.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

January 8th, 1919.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

As you know you were elected a member of the Saltus Medal Award Committee at the meeting of the Council of January 6th. This medal is to be awarded for signal achievement in the field of the medal. The first award of the medal implies pronounced superiority of the man selected, and it is believed that the award would carry more weight with the artists if the jury were composed of the man's peers. Prescription of Council that hereafter all medals issued by the Society are to be passed upon by two or more of our sculptor members involves this thought also.

It is imperative that the Jury of Award be composed of men of prominence whose standing is recognized. Your committee, however, is faced with the selection of a jury from which any medallist who might be considered for the award is debarred. Under the circumstances may I be permitted to ask your consideration of the following for the reasons attached:-

1. Mr. Paul Bartlett, President of the National Sculpture Society, a sculptor of standing and a man with the best of taste. Inasmuch as it is now planned to have the medal awarded at the joint meeting of his Society with ours in March, this is an additional reason for asking him to serve.
2. Mr. Herbert Adams, President of the National Academy of Design, one of the few sculptors who have ever held this position.
3. Does it not seem that the third member of the committee should be the President of our own Society, who is eminently fitted for just the purpose of this committee, and whose appointment would balance that of the Presidents of the other Societies. Should there be any difficulty in his performing specific duties



as a member of the committee not to be taken care of through correspondence he might then delegate his authority.

It is to be hoped that none of these men will decline. Mr. Bartlett's residence is, I understand, in Washington and he and Mr. Newell could meet there if necessary. It is however desirable that at least one alternate be suggested, and I am venturing to add the name of Mr. Frederick MacMonnies because the single (?) medal with which he is accredited was, I understand, largely worked upon by his pupils. He would therefore willingly waive his rights for consideration for the award. Do you feel it desirable to ask that the Jury nominate a first and second choice? If this were done independently we should then have a line on the man considered by them the most desirable for the second award.

I am presenting this matter in the present form in order that there may be no undue delay in making the award. Will you kindly let me have your decision and instructions at your convenience, as I presume you will wish the invitation to go over the signature of the Society's Secretary. If this is so the form of the invitation can be submitted for your approval after your reply is received.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

January 15th, 1919.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I am enclosing the draft for the letter to Messrs. Adams, Bartlett and Newell. Kindly let me have any suggestions that may occur to you either by phone or otherwise, and I will send the invitations promptly.

The models for the Peace Medal Competition are arriving today. If you could visit us between now and Sunday, it might interest you to see them. If it should be impossible for you to get here in the day time, I would be very glad to try to make arrangements to meet you here any evening that would be convenient for you.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

P. S. Mr. Beatty is Chairman of your Committee.

November 10th, 1919.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 43rd Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

Since sending you the Cardinal Mercier medal an arrangement has been made whereby the price instead of being five dollars, as paid by you, will be four dollars. I am therefore sending you the dollar due you.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.



March 8, 1920.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

The Medallion Art Company, in their contact with the Army officials in charge of the Victory Medal, would like to present to those officers, specimens of the medal to commemorate the crossing of the English Channel by the King and Queen of Belgium. These medals would be sold for by the Medallion Art people at the usual rate. The medals themselves would be a very desirable demonstration of what our Society stands for. Would you be favorable to the Council's granting permission for the striking of these six additional medals. May I have your response by phone tomorrow (Thursday) as early as possible.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

April 26th, 1920.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

Enclosed is a letter which speaks for itself, and on the chance of its being something which may interest you, I am referring it to you. You will note that the writer expresses a willingness to have the medals sent for inspection. I will gladly ask this if you desire it. I have responded to the letter by saying her letter had been referred to one of our members, and that I would advise her if any action ensued.

Trusting you are in the best of health and with respectful regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON

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April 27th, 1920.

Mr. Sidney P. Noe,  
Secretary, American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway & 155th Street, New York.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I thank you for referring the note of Mrs. Edward A. White to me. She is in error, however, in regard to the rarity of the medals. I have more than half of them myself and imported three or four of them only a few days ago *at \$4 or \$5 a piece, (artists' proof too.)*

Devreese, of course, is one of the most artistic of the present day medallists, and his work is always choice. It is possible that Mrs. White's medals might sell to some one for a collection, but the day for paying high prices for the benefit of reconstruction and other work abroad has fairly well gone by. In view merely from the actual value of the medals the price asked is excessive, even if they were silver, which is not stated. Unfortunately with medals, the fact of their being artist proof is not usually appreciated, certainly not as it is with etchings.

There might be one or two in the collection, which, if sold separately at about a third of the price asked, I might be willing to take myself. ~~But~~ Certainly from an artistic point of view, they have very high merit, and as a collection, they would be of interest in some museum.

They have a small collection of medals in the Art Museum, at Princeton. It is possible that some Princeton alumnus might be interested to purchase the collection and give it to that Museum, at the same time helping the reconstruction fund. *She might ask Prof. Allan Marquand, Princeton*

Mrs. White should state whether the medals are in silver or bronze. Much of Devreese's work, I believe, is struck only in silver.

*which is \$19. a piece.*



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S.P. Noe - - - - - 2

Mrs. White's inquiry brings up the whole question of the policy of the Numismatic Society. My own view is, that it is so difficult to draw the line that we cannot well afford to exhibit medals as a rule, which private individuals wish to sell, no matter for what worthy object. I cannot conceive of the Metropolitan Museum exhibiting a lot of water colors for some artist who wished to dispose of them to private parties, or the Botanical Garden exhibiting cut roses which anyone could go to the Garden and buy, and if we once begin to exhibit such collections as this, it would be difficult to refuse others, which might be far from artistic.

I know that the Gorham people, from time to time, have sold small private collections of medals which were brought over during the war, but at no such price as Mrs. White expects to obtain. She might show the medals there and also to Mr. Kuntz, at Tiffany's.

I thank you for referring the correspondence to me and regret that, for the reasons mentioned above, I am unable to take any active interest in the matter.

Dr. Walter B. James, of No. 7 East 70th Street, from time to time, purchases art medals and so does Mr. Grenville Winthrop, of No. 27 East 37th Street, but as they are both good friends of mine I could not advise either of them to purchase this collection at the price asked.

Very truly yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

April 28th, 1920.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
61 West 49th Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

Thank you for your very helpful letter of the 27th. I was not in touch with prices for those medals, as, of course, the Society has no means with which to purchase them and a word from you was just what I needed. I too felt that the price was very high unless the medals were superior to what I supposed. Your letter confirms my first thought that this was not a matter with which our Society could need concern itself. I think I shall not refer Mrs. White to either of the people you suggest especially in view of the price. I am quite in accord with your position with regard to our Society exhibiting them. I did not have in mind a public exhibition but merely the idea that we could send for them if you cared to examine them in case you did not know what they were.

Should there be any development regarding the Century Club medal proposition, I should appreciate it if you would keep me informed.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
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AND BY APPOINTMENT

May 31, 1921..

*Magellan Medal*

Mr. Howland Wood,  
American Numismatic Society,  
B'way & 155th St.,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I received the Philippine medal which is fierce, but  
I will take it as an illustration of struggling art. The tercentenary  
medal I have.

*Magellan Medal.* Sincerely yours,

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*W. Gilman Thompson*



May 27th, 1921

Dr. William Thompson  
142 East 62nd Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Thompson:

Trieste Remora has just sent us a number of medals which commemorate the fourth Centenary of the discovery of the Philippine Islands by Ferdinand Magellan. I am sending you one of these in case you may want to have one; the price is \$2.50.

I suppose you have the Fern Remora medal issued by the Boston Malacological Society; we have one or two of these at \$1.00.

Very truly yours,

Curator

/s/  
Enc.

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
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AND BY APPOINTMENT

Dec. 5, 1921.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Sec.,  
Broadway - Between 155th & 156th St.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe :-

I shall be glad to be present at the meeting  
on December 10th, at 3 o'clock at the rooms of the Medallie Art  
Company.

I shall be glad to furnish you later with  
a brief article on Foreign Medals issued during the past year in  
accordance with the request in your note of December 2nd, 1921.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

WGT/EMS

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON

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AND BY APPOINTMENT

January 6 1922

Mr. Noe,  
Numismatic Museum,  
155th St - Broadway,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I enclose a copy of the report on Foreign Medals, which I have made brief because I understood it was so desired.

I have tried to get in touch with the other members of the Committee, but so far failed to elicit any response.

I hope to attend the Annual Meeting, but am enclosing the report to you so that in case I should be detained at the last moment, you are authorized to present it for me, if you will be so kind.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

WGT/ B



January 7th, 1922

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
142 East 62nd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Your letter of January 6th, together with the Report for the Foreign Dental Committee, came this morning. I will do as you request in case you are unable to be present at the meeting.

The Report reads very well and it could have been a little longer than what this is, but will do nicely as it is.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
142 EAST 62ND STREET, NEW YORK  
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AND BY APPOINTMENT

Dec. 15, 1921.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Sec.,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts.,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

You did not state in your note who the  
chairman of the Foreign Medals Committee is, and I have  
never been informed. If none has been appointed I  
wish the President would appoint either of the other mem-  
bers and make them do some work on the Committee.

Very truly yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

WGT/EMS

Dr Thompson, Chm  
Mr Eidlitz  
Mr Waterbury

April 28th, 1922

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
142 East 62nd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

In response to your note of the 26th, we received two separate orders from you accompanied by two cheques for checks - one under date of April 12th and the second under date of April 26th. I have cancelled the order for the latter. Possibly you received circulars from more than one of the lists from which addresses were obtained, and overlooked having placed the first order.

Very truly yours,

Secretary



July 27th, 1922

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
142 East 62nd Street, New York

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Owing to the fact that at the July meeting it was voted that there should be no further Council sessions during the summer months, I am submitting the following to you - a matter which has come up since the last meeting, and on which an early decision is desirable.

An opportunity has recently presented itself to Mr. Roe to complete his archaeological and numismatic studies under the auspices of the American School in Athens. You will recall that the Sabbatical year which the Society granted to Mr. Roe was only partially employed by him. That year should have been 1921 had he not, in order to leave the year free for the balance of Mr. Wood's absence on leave, requested that he be allowed to take part of it in 1921. There are still due him nine months of the Sabbatical year - ample time to allow him to take advantage of the opportunity presented, and he has asked me to lay before the Council his request for leave to begin about October 1st.

As I see it, there are a number of advantages to the proposed plan. In the first place, the period would be spent by Mr. Roe in equipping himself for greater usefulness to the Society when he returns; the more so, inasmuch as a volunteer worker he would be brought into contact with a man who is undoubtedly one of the greatest numismatists of the present day, and a very able teacher - V. Svoronos, the Director of the Athens Numismatic Museum. At Athens he would also have the opportunity to spend his leave of absence studying a collection recognized universally as of the very first importance - thus materially increasing his knowledge and the scope of his future numismatic usefulness. Specially, however, would he be associating with students, not only in our American School but in the other schools maintained in Athens, and our work would probably be brought into close touch with that of the archaeologists - something at which we have been aiming for a long time.

After several talks with Mr. Roe, I find that he would be able to leave the publications in such condition that it would be possible for Mr. Wood to assume control thereof with a minimum of burden; while his other duties, during the period of Mr. Roe's absence, could be distributed among the other members of the staff. Finally, Mr. Roe would return to take up his duties again in time to allow for next year's vacations.

Will you, therefore, let me have your vote to the question - Shall Mr. Roe be granted the desired leave, beginning on or about October 1st, 1922?

Very sincerely yours,

President

October 2nd, 1923.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
17 West 53rd Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Am I mistaken in thinking I saw a notice of the death of Mrs. Frederick F. Thompson during the past year? If my impression is correct, and you could give me the approximate date on this same sheet, I should much appreciate it. On the contrary if I am incorrect, I shall only be too glad to be sent right.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
17 WEST 53RD STREET, NEW YORK  
TEL. CIRCLE 6490  
CONSULTATION HOURS 9-11  
AND BY APPOINTMENT

October 3 1923

Mr. Sidney P. Noe  
American Numismatic Society  
New York City

Dear Mr. Noe:

Mrs. Frederick Ferris Thompson died on ~~July~~ 28th  
at her summer home in Canandaigua. I was present with her at the  
time.

Very sincerely yours,

W. Gilman Thompson



DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
142 EAST 62ND STREET, NEW YORK  
TEL. RHINELANDER 6953

CONSULTATION HOURS 9--11  
AND BY APPOINTMENT

August, 1, 1922.

Edward T. Newell, Esq., Pres.  
American Numismatic Society  
156th Street & Broadway  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell :-

I received your note of July twenty-seventh regarding the granting by the Society of leave of absence to Mr. Noe. He appears to be in every way entitled to it, both from his unused part of a Sabbatical year and from his long continued, faithful and highly efficient service. I agree with you further that it will be for the interest of the Society to have him take this opportunity for research abroad. I, therefore, vote "aye" on the question of granting Mr. Noe the desired leave, beginning on or about October first, nineteen twenty-two.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. Gilman Thompson*

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
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CONSULTATION HOURS: 9-11  
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October 18, 1922

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President  
The American Numismatic Society  
Broadway at 156th St., N. Y.

My dear Mr. Newell:-

I herewith tender my resignation from the Council of the American Numismatic Society. This I do with much regret, for the sole reason that I feel it is impossible for me to give time to attend the meetings. It happens that just now I am actively engaged in the construction of a new building for the Reconstruction Hospital, and also <sup>with</sup> most important matters concerning the New York Academy of Medicine, which affairs will consume all the time which I can afford to spare from my personal practise, and I am therefore resigning from membership in official capacity in several organizations in which I, nevertheless, am extremely interested, as I am always in the welfare of the American Numismatic Society. It has been a pleasure to join with you and the members of the Council in previous meetings, and I am sure you will appreciate my motive in resigning.

For several years also, I have been, I believe, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Medals. I have received no notice of the matter this year, but if I still am Chairman, I beg you to appoint some one else in that capacity, although I should be glad to render any less definite service as a member of that Committee.

With kindest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Dr. Gilman Thompson*

October 31st, 1922.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
142 East 62nd Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

At the last meeting of the Council  
your resignation as a member of that body was  
presented, and with deep regret accepted.

Very respectfully yours,

President.



December 18th, 1922.

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
142 East 62nd Street,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Thompson:-

I am making the appointments of the  
Chairmen of the Standing Committees for 1923,  
and I would appreciate it very much if you  
would serve as Chairman of the Committee on  
Foreign Medals.

I would also very much like to have  
you suggest to me whom you would care to have  
associated with you on this Committee.

As I desire to make these appoint-  
ments at the Annual Meeting, may I look forward  
to an early reply from you.

Very truly yours,

President.

October 22nd, 1924

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
17 West 53rd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

This is just a brief note to tell you that we have received a large proportion of the medals which will make up our coming exhibition of recent work of European artists, to open on November 13th. I know how great is your interest in these, and thought you might be able to find an opportunity to come up here and see them before the Exhibition opens. This would enable you to examine the pieces more intimately than would be possible when they are in the cases.

If it would be impossible for you to get here in the daytime, I can arrange to be here almost any evening if I know a day or so in advance. I hope that you will be able to come.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
17 WEST 53RD STREET NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE CIRCLE 6490

CONSULTATION HOURS: 9-11  
AND BY APPOINTMENT

January 30, 1925

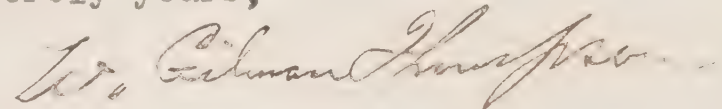
Dear Mr. Noe:

I thank you for your prompt response to my note, and I return herewith your memorandum on which I have scratched out the names of the medals which I do not wish. All the others I should very much like to obtain.

If the exhibition is to be kept in tact for a time, it will make no difference to me, provided I ultimately secure the medals.

Again thanking you for your kindness in attending to the matter so promptly, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dr. W. Gilman Thompson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Dr. Gilman Thompson".

WGT:BBC

DR. W. GILMAN THOMPSON  
17 WEST 53RD STREET NEW YORK  
TELEPHONE CIRCLE 6490

CONSULTATION HOURS: 9:11  
AND BY APPOINTMENT

February 6, 1926

My dear Mr. Wood:

Dr. Thompson has a number of illustrated catalogues of medal sales which he does not want, and wondered if they would be of use to you. The package is quite a large one, and if you would like them, if you will send your messenger here some day when he is in the neighborhood, it will be wrapped and waiting for him, and Dr. Thompson will be very glad to give the catalogues to the Museum.

Very truly yours,

*Barbara F. Loring*

Secretary



February 17th, 1925

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
17 West 53rd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

When I wrote you recently about the medals you desired, I asked that you return your own first letter with my letter upon which you had checked certain of the medals. As this request does not specify the particular medals you want, other than the names of the artists, it is necessary for us to have the other letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 9th, 1926

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson  
17 West 53rd Street  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter and for the  
offer of the Catalogues. We shall be very glad  
indeed to have them, if you will give them to  
the bearer of this note.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

March 31, 1927

Dr. W. Gilman Thompson,  
17 East 61st St.,  
New York City

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Sometime when you are in this neighborhood, if you step in, I think you will be interested in a copy of a plaque by Marshall of which we have a duplicate. This was designed by Mr. Edward D. Adams as a prize for some country club in New Jersey, for which he was at one time President. It is entitled "The President's Trophy." The workmanship is very beautiful and I believe you might be interested in seeing it.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

SURROGATE'S COURT,  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

In the Matter of proving the  
Last Will and Testament

of

WILLIAM GILMAN THOMPSON,

Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE  
Section 146

TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS:

Take notice that the last will and testament of  
William Gilman Thompson, deceased, has been offered for pro-  
bate, and that the names and post office addresses of the  
proponent and of the legatees, devisees and other benefi-  
ciaries, as set forth in the petition herein, who have not  
been cited or have not appeared or waived citation, are as  
follows:

Empire Trust Company, proponent whose post office address is  
No. 15 West 47th Street, Borough of Manhattan of City of New York.

Name of Legatee, Devisee or  
Beneficiary

Post Office Address

The Reconstruction Hospital,	395 Central Park West, New York City;
New York Botanical Garden,	Bronx Park, New York City;
New York Academy of Medicine,	17 West 43rd Street, New York City;
American Numismatic Society,	3755 Broadway, New York City;
Mrs. Lydia Burkhalter Thompson,	83 North Walnut Street, East Orange, New Jersey;
Mrs. Anna Morris Pomeroy,	San Rafael, California;
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlin Hunt,	925 Park Avenue, New York City;
Miss Katherine Thompson,	166 West 78th Street, New York City;
Miss Lucy Hunt,	925 Park Avenue, New York City;
Miss Betty Hunt,	925 Park Avenue, New York City;
Mrs. Christine Pomeroy Brook,	San Rafael, California;
Mrs. Harriet Thatcher,	San Francisco, California;
Mrs. Georgie B. C. de Heredia,	110 East 70th Street, New York City.

Dated, New York, November 12th, 1927.

FOSTER & THOMSON,

Attorneys for Petitioner,  
141 Broadway,  
New York City



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## Empire Trust Company

580 FIFTH AVENUE  
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NEW YORK

August 7, 1928.

American Numismatic Society,  
3755 Broadway,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

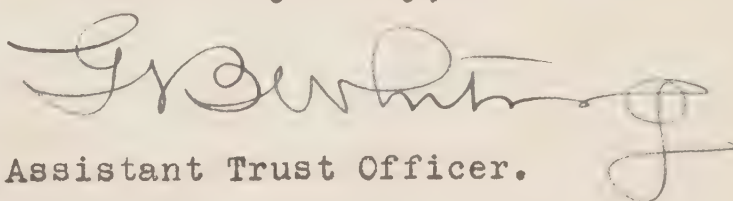
Re: Estate of W. Gilman Thompson

In accordance with the terms of the Will of the above decedent, you are to receive a legacy of \$1,000. The administration of the estate has reached the stage where we as executor are in a position to make payment.

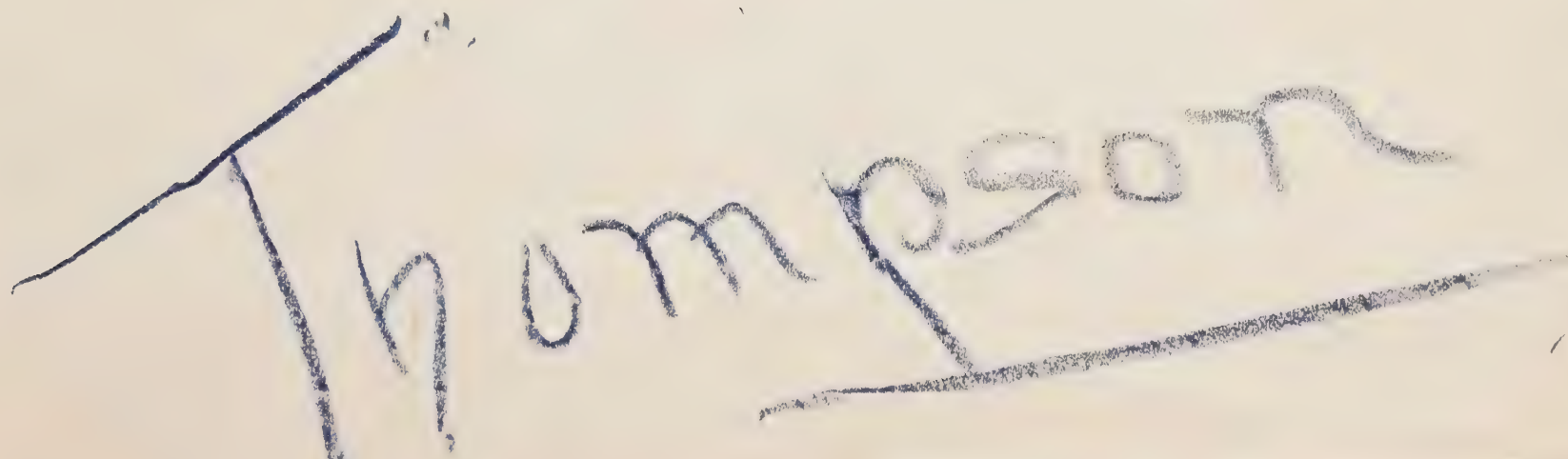
Enclosed herewith is a receipt and waiver of citation, in duplicate, which you will please sign and return to this office. A notarial acknowledgment, under seal, of your signature is required.

A check will be sent to you as soon after the return of this receipt as is possible.

Yours very truly,

  
Assistant Trust Officer.

W/R



14th August, 1928

Mr. G. B. Whiting,  
Empire Trust Company,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning the receipt and ~~waiver~~ of citation in the matter of the legacy of \$1,000 which this Society receives under the will of the late Dr. W. Gilman Thompson. The notarial acknowledgment is also enclosed.

very truly yours,

Secretary



SURROGATE'S COURT,  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK,

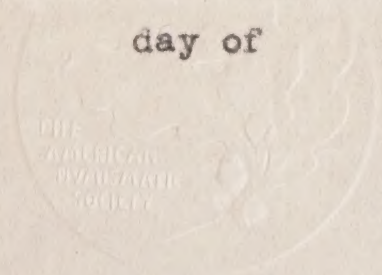
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In the Matter of the Estate .  
- of - .  
WILLIAM GILMAN THOMPSON, .  
Deceased. .  
. . . . .

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, of the City of New York, County and State of New York, does hereby certify that it has received from Empire Trust Company, the Executor of the last will and testament of William Gilman Thompson, deceased, late of the City, County and State of New York, the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1,000.) in cash in full satisfaction of the amount of the legacy given and bequeathed to it under the Fifth Article of the will of said decedent; and it does hereby waive the issue and service of a citation to attend any final or intermediate judicial settlement of the accounts of said Executor, and does hereby voluntarily appear in any proceeding instituted or to be instituted for such judicial settlement and authorizes its appearance to be entered on the record.

Sealed with its corporate seal and dated this  
day of , 1928.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

By





STATE OF NEW YORK, )  
 ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

On the                  day of                  , 1928, before me came  
to me known, who, being by me  
duly sworn, did depose and say that he resides at  
   ; that he is the  
of AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, the corpor-  
ation described in and which executed the foregoing instru-  
ment; that he knows the seal of said corporation; that the  
seal affixed to said instrument is such corporate seal; that  
it was so affixed by order of the Board of                  of  
said corporation; and that he signed his name thereto by  
like order.



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(CORNER OF 47TH STREET)

NEW YORK September  
Thirteenth  
Nineteen twenty eight

American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Streets,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

We enclose our check to the order  
of the American Numismatic Society, for \$1,000,  
in payment of the legacy bequeathed to that  
institution under the fifth article of the Will  
of Dr. W. Gilman Thompson, receipt for which we  
have already received.

We shall appreciate your signing and  
returning the enclosed copy of this letter as an  
acknowledgment of your receipt of the check.

Very truly yours,

*G B Whiting*  
Assistant Trust Officer.

ERM:LC  
Enc.

15th September, 1928

Mr. G. B. Whiting,  
Assistant Trust Officer,  
Empire Trust Company,  
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 13th enclosing  
cheque for \$1,000 in payment of the legacy to this  
Society of Dr. W. Gilman Thompson has been received.  
Thank you very much indeed. The requested receipt  
is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Secretary